



# ON THE HEELS *of* FREEDOM

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The American Missionary Association's  
Bold Campaign to Educate Minds, Open  
Hearts, and Heal the Soul of a Divided Nation

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FOREWORD BY ANDREW YOUNG

**THE FALL MEETING OF THE GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION  
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**October 20, 2012**

**10:00—2:00**

**Bethany Congregational UCC  
1122 Lester Street  
Thomasville, GA 37199**

**WE HAVE A STORY TO TELL! A FAMILY REUNION**

Come to the Georgia South Carolina Association Fall Meeting, at Bethany to hear and share our stories. We have a story to tell -- many stories, rich, moving stories. Our oldest stories have their roots in the 1839 mutiny by captured Africans on the ship *Amistad*. Later, the American Missionary Association (AMA) missionaries went south to partner with the newly emancipated citizens to establish churches and schools. It was a bold campaign to heal the hearts and souls of a divided nation. In its newer forms, our stories tell of a bold witness, to create safe, welcoming churches for all God's beloved -- and to heal the hearts and souls of a divided nation.

We will gather to share our stories, be inspired in worship, conduct an ecclesiastical council, and enjoy good food! Brynn White will be considered for ordination. Brynn is a member of Peace Congregational UCC, in Clemson, SC, and a recent graduate of Vanderbilt Divinity School. We will be led in story sharing and worship by Susan Mitchell, who is on the UCC national staff. Rev. Susan worked on the Southeast Conference project, *Rekindle the Gift*, the story project that became the book *On the Heels of Freedom*, by Joyce Hollyday. (See the enclosed excerpt about the history of our host churches!) For lunch we will be treated to the legendary Evergreen Congregational UCC Fish Fry.

**Our Schedule**

9:00-10:00 AM	Gathering (light morning food and drink)
10:00-11:00 AM	Worship and Ecclesiastical Council
11:00-11:20 AM	Break
11:20AM-12:30 PM	A Story to Tell, Susan Mitchell
12:30-1:15 PM	Fish Fry Lunch (story-ing may continue)
1:15-2:00 PM	Closing and Leave Taking

**Hotel arrangements: (Reservations under GA/SC Association)**

**Best Western Hotel and Conference Center**

133 Liberty Lane, Thomasville, Georgia 31757 \*

Standard King Bed Room \$95.99 + tax

Suite w/ 2 double beds and living area \$119.99 + tax, King or Double Rooms 69.99 + tax

**Jameson Inn**

1470 Remington Avenue, Thomasville, Georgia 31792

King or Double Rooms \$69.99+tax

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**Fall Meeting**  
**We've a Story To Tell : A Family Reunion**  
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**Thomasville, GA 31792**

**Registration**

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*City:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip code* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Church Affiliation:* \_\_\_\_\_

**DELEGATE CLERGY VISITOR**

***FEE: (Early Registration, before October 7, 2012 )\$20.00***  
***At the Door: \$25.00***

Please mail registration and fee to:

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